



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Liotta *et al.*  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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February 21, 2006

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

A final Office action was issued in the above-referenced application on August 19, 2005. The non-extendible deadline to file a response is February 21, 2006, because February 19, 2006 is a Sunday and February 20, 2006 is a federal holiday. Cofiled herewith is a Request for Continued Examination of this application as amended herein under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. A Petition for extension of time of 3 months is also enclosed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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I hereby certify that this Amendment, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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